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Rossville businesswoman turns mini park into vandals' tribute

ROSSVILLE—A local businesswoman has turned an act of vandalism into a statement.

After vandals destroyed a mini park next to Aunt Jody's Christmas Bank, 101 N. Chicago, the store's owner, Aunt Jody, decided enough was enough.

Aunt Jody, who was gone when the incident happened, believes it was June 13 when flowers from the mini park were thrown into the street and a picnic bench destroyed. The property was also littered with beer bottles, pop cans and condoms, she said, and the bark peeled from a red bud tree.

"That's a death sentence for the tree," Aunt Jody said. "It was the first thing my husband and I planted in that park.

Rather than fight the destruction, Aunt Jody decided to make the park a monument to the vandals.

A sign proclaiming the mini park's theme, "Hometown Pride," now adorns the lot, still littered with bottles and cans. Old, faded silk flowers are strewn across the property, replacing the destroyed plants.

An effigy of the vandals has been placed in the red bud tree, with a sign calling the them "mealy-mouthed, yellow-bellied pinheads. Whoever that fits should wear it," Aunt Jody said.

The tree's bare spots are covered by plastic diapers, a sort of bandage for its wounds.

Aunt Jody said she considered decorating a tree with condoms, but had cleaned up the old ones. She asked her husband to buy new ones to hang, but when he told her the cost, she decided against it. "I wish I'da saved the condoms that were in the park," she said. "I can't afford (new ones.)"

Aunt Jody's handiwork was undone by a local Boy Scout, but the businesswoman made him redo the destruction. "I told him 'I want you to put everything back where you got it, how you got it, and I'm going to stand here and watch you do it,'" she said.

Summers have been hard on the mini park for the 15 years Aunt Jody has owned the property. "There was accumulated devastation for the last 15 years," she said, calling this year's onslaught "malicious damage."

If Aunt Jody has her way, the property will keep the vandalized look for quite a while. "We've tried our best for 15 years," she said. "As far as I'm concerned, it can stay this way for 15 years."

Although the trash and ever-growing grass violates village ordinances, Aunt Jody said she does not care. "It's on my property," she said. "I'm exercising my

Briefly

B&PW winners

June winners in the Business & Professional Women's drawing are Evelyn Seidel, Rankin, \$25; Edna Nern, Ambia, Ind., \$15; and Marilyn Browning, Rossville, \$10.

Athletic physicals scheduled

Athletic physicals for Rossville-Alvin grades 5-12 will be given July 1 at the high school. Girls' physicals will be given from 9-10 a.m., followed by boys' physicals from 10-11. Cost is \$10.

For more information, call 748-6600.

Blood drive

The Hoopeston VFW post is sponsoring a blood drive from 12 to 6 p.m. Monday, June 30 at the post.

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7 p.m. July 4

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Police News

Ralph V. Lewis, 501 N. Sixth Ave., reported Tuesday that someone took a tool box and tools from his garage.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:57 a.m. Wednesday at 206 S. First Ave.

Police said Elva G. Peterson, 503 W. Elm, backed a 1981 Buick into a parked 1994 Dodge owned by Evelyn




Court Dispositions

June 19: Christopher Cox, Hoopeston, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95 total paid in full.

Jacob McCall, Potomac, speeding, summons issued.

Robert Akers, Hoopeston, illegal consumption; \$45 total, nine hours public service work.

Holly Anderson, Danville, writ hearing, \$45 and




In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
June 24, 1997


Admitted: Hilda Mendoza, Milford; Robert Vines, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.



Weather

Partly sunny today. High in the upper 80s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 85, low near 65.



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